RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The principle kept in view is to give, as far as possible, fair representation to the communities unrepresented by the elections.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): As between those communities, is there any preference given to particular communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is all the principle the Government have in view. As far as possible, those communities which are least represented will be given representation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what sort of representation is given to communities which do not get any representation whatsoever even at the same time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): We take them by rotation, first one community, then another and so on.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether, there is any rule as to the rank in the course of rotation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. (Chief Secretary to Government*): Government decide each case on its merits.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the depressed classes are given adequate representation in Municipal Councils?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As far as possible, they are.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are too late.

Muslim Graduate applicants for appointment in the Education Department.

49. ***MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of graduate Muhammedans who have applied for appointment in the Education Department during the past five years?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Thirty

Opening of the Chauganacherry Allppey Canal

41. **MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what sum has been spent upon the Changanachery-Alleppey canal;

(*b*) how much more will be required to complete it;

(*c*) when the work was begun;

(*d*) when the work was stopped;

(*e*) why the work was stopped; and

(*f*) whether the Government have altogether abandoned the scheme?

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